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Subject: Baycom and TCP/IP
To: ham-digital@ucsd.edu

I am looking for anyone who has successfully installed Baycom modem with AX.25 and NOS. I cannot get the software to work. I do not know whether it is the AUTOEXEC.NOS file, or the commands I am using.

Thanks

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Subject: DRSI HF Modem??
To: ham-digital@ucsd.edu

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In article <mockler.6.0@nbnet.nb.ca> mockler@nbnet.nb.ca (Mockler Allen & Dixon) writes:
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Subject: finding the freq of an xtal
To: ham-digital@ucsd.edu

As quoted from <2u0mk4\$sgt@crl3.crl.com> by acsys@crl.com (Acsys Inc.):

>
> I have a xtal of unknown value (~8.7mhz) that I need to find the exact
> frequency of. What is the best way to do this? I do have a frequency

> counter, sho should I build a xtal osc and use the coutner? How bout
> a simple osc made out of cmos parts like the 4011? If so what would
> be a good schematic to use to do this? I need to be quite accurate.
>
> thanx,
>
> mycal

What are you going to do with the crystal? If you'll be using it in an oscilator and you need it to be accurately measured, build the oscillator (see TTL databooks for a good circuit) and measure that. If you're using it for a crystal filter, you more likely need the series resonant frequency (the TTL oscillator is parallel-resonant, and typically a few kilohertz higher in frequency, and changes with varying capacitance). Series resonant can best be had by using a signal generator and an oscope. If this is what you need, write me for details (won't waste bandwidth this way).

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While (its_not_working())
mess_with_it();

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Date: 20 Jun 1994 20:21:15 GMT
From: newsgw.mentorg.com!hpbab33.mentorg.com!wv.mentorg.com!hanko@uunet.uu.net
Subject: GTOR evaluation/update?
To: ham-digital@ucsd.edu

In article <hamilton.771896040@BIX.com>, hamilton@BIX.com (hamilton on BIX) writes:
|> rogjd@netcom.com (Roger Buffington) writes:
|>
|> >I'd be interested in hearing about your evaluations of GTOR versus Clover
|> >or Pactor. How is this new mode working out?
|>
|> I also would be interested in hearing reports from those who've tried
|> these different protocols. But I must say, from the evidence in front
|> of me, it looks like Clover, available only in the IBM PC plug-in board
|> from HAL, is going to have a miserable time against a protocol available
|> in a standard outboard TNC unless its technical advantages are just
|> overwhelming.

Well ... to date that has been the case:
CLOVER far outperforms any other protocol on HF.

... Hank

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Subject: HAM/PACKET MODEM FAQ?
To: ham-digital@ucsd.edu

I'm looking for information about packet modems that work over VHF/HF radio.
Is there a FAQ for rec.radio.amateur? Any information you happen to have
would be greatly appreciated.

Drew

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news.bu.edu!gw1!nntp!lena!jkbe@network.ucsd.edu
Subject: Info Wanted - paKet 6.0
To: ham-digital@ucsd.edu

I am looking for information on the latest release of a packet terminal
program called paKet. Does anyone know of a ftp site or land line BBS
that has this new version?

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From: ihnp4.ucsd.edu!agate!howland.reston.ans.net!pipex!uknet!demon!
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Subject: MFJ 1274 - Info wanted
To: ham-digital@ucsd.edu

I have recently bought an MFJ1274 TNC. All working well. But thought
that it should have MAIL facility. I couldn't find anything in the
User Manual that referenced MAIL (having scanned it several times).

Eventually, while in QSO with a friend, he suggested trying to type

'MAIL ON'. Surprise - surprise, it accepted it and presumably enable the mail system. Why is such an important feature undocumented ?

However - I am new to packet and in need of advice as to how to use my TNC's mailbox, e.g reading it! Can anyone please enlighten me ?

The specification on the box and when the TNC powers up, is that it supports FAX and BPL (what's BPL??). Does anyone know how to use these from the MFJ1274. I have a couple of FAX progs, e.g. JVFAX and WEFAX, but not sure whether I can use this TNC with these progs.

Would be very grateful for ANY info - especially any other undocumented command !

Life used to be so simple with a morse key !!!!

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Ian Gillingham (G0FLB)

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Subject: Railroad track as an antenna?
To: ham-digital@ucsd.edu

In article <2u2rkq\$5p7@jabba.cybernetics.net>, tarumph@jabba.cybernetics.net (Tim Rumph) writes...

>STORM JAMES (s9898198@sandcastle.cosc.brocku.ca) wrote:
> I have heard a legend that a college radio station (either at MIT, Tufts,
> or Swarthmore) welded antenna to railroad tracks, and peeved the FCC by
> broadcasting nationwide. Is this true? If anyone knows, please email me
> (or post here) If you do know, could you please direct me to some
> documentation regarding this legend if you can.

>I don't think that this would be useful for the frequencies used for
>comericial radio, but the Pennsylvania RR did use inductive train phones
>that used low frequency signal passed through the rail.

The trainphone system was basically a huge air core transformer, using
existing line side wire (including catenary, where present) and the
rails to form the coil. The frequencies were in the 30-50KHz regions.

>The antennas looked like hand rails on top of the cars and locos. This worked
>very well for the trains, but the equipment was not at all portable,
"walkie talkies" with antennas as 4 foot dia hoops (to be carried strung
over the shoulder) were tried. Not popular with crews. Useful

installations on locos, cabees (errrr_cabins_) and wayside.

> and propagation away from the tracks was very poor.
A feature. RR business stayed private.

thanks

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"He has read everything, and, to his credit, written nothing." A J Raffles

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Subject: Railroad track as an antenna?
To: ham-digital@ucsd.edu

In article <CrJyCE.8xH@synoptics.com>, jkaidor@synoptics.com (Jerome Kaidor) wrote:
> ***** Actually, as I remember it, typical practice is to use a separate inductive loop
> under the track. Seems that there's something about trains that can cause a large
> inductance change when they pass overhead :-).

Actually, it's the other way around; signals from the inductive loop under the track are picked-up by a small coil mounted on the locomotive. This system feeds the block-occupancy information from the track circuit to relay-logic on the locomotive. The signal indication is relayed in the cab of the locomotive. If the engineer does not acknowledge the signal indication (by pushing lever) and respond appropriately (by observing the appropriate speed restriction for the signal indication), the logic applies the emergency brakes.

This system and variants were a result of a federal regulation (ICC or FRA - I forget) that allowed higher speeds if such automatic safeguards were implemented.

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Subject: SoundBoard scope program
To: ham-digital@ucsd.edu

Can anyone tell me where I can obtain a Microsoft Windows 5Mhz Oscilloscope program that will run on my PC,s sound board which supports stereo right/left channel input to display a lissajous pattern?

The reason I'm looking for this type of program, so I can attach my sound board,s input, to my PK232 TNC,s mark/space output, for tuning digital signals on the HF bands. Updates need to occur at a minimum of 2 seconds to make tuning functional, and the oscilloscope display Windows needs to be scaleable in size.

Tom WB7ASR...

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Subject: WA8DED rom wanted gor v2.6 need higher
To: ham-digital@ucsd.edu

Hello,

I have a tnc2 with a rom that contains wa8ded v2.6 and tapr 1.1.7.
I have discovered that the software has some disadvantages.

Example:

when receiving frame 2 and 4 the tnc sends a RR3 (receiver is ready to receive frame 3). after frame 3 has arrived it sends a RR4. But frame 4 is has already arrived correctly. The tnc should have send a RR5 (ready fore frame 5).

The software that I use with my baycom modem does this correctly. It saves a lot of bandwith because correct frames aren't transmitted again.

I asume that this function is already built in in newer version of wa8ded hostmode software. I have version 2.6 at the moment but I have read postings of people talking about 6.6.4.

My quest is the search of this new software.
Where can I find romimages of this new software or where can I buy it??
(btw. I live in the netherlands europe, so obscure stores in singapore are

out of the question. unless the have internet access).

More information about wa8ded is also very nice I got a document that talks about v0.91 and I use v2.6 so there is probably a great difference.

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nl1eer@nl1eer.nl.cbpr.org (yes that's my home computer via an internet-packet gateway).

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